

10th WEATHER GROUP

The 248th AAF Base Unit was activated at Davis-Monthan Field. 31 Mar 1946

Squadron "C" of the 248th AAF Base Unit was organized at Davis-Monthan Field. The unit consisted of several hundred black airmen from various stations throughout the United States. 1 Jul 1946

MAJOR UNITS ASSIGNED DM

1st Bombardment Wing 1 May 1941

Headquarters, 16th Bombardment Wing 1 June 1943

39th Combat Crew Training School 1 December 1943

233rd Army Air Force Base Unit c March 1944

4105th Army Air Force Base Unit (Air Base) 15 November 1945

4270th Army Air Force Base Unit (Separation Base) 15 November 1945

248th Army Air Force Base Unit 31 March 1946

3040th Aircraft Storage Depot 20 August 1948

3040th Aircraft Storage Squadron 5 October 1949

Arizona Aircraft Storage Branch 1 June 1956

2704th Air Force Aircraft Storage and Disposition Group 1 August 1959

2704th Air Force Storage and Disposition Group 1 April 1960

4080th Strategic Wing 1 July 1963

4453rd Combat Crew Training Wing 1 July 1964

Military Aircraft Storage and Disposition Center 1 February 1965

This period of general inactivity, however, lasted only long enough to serve as a convenient reference point for future historians. Modern Davis-Monthan history began on 31 March 1946 when the newly formed Strategic Air Command (SAC) assumed jurisdiction. The next day, the 248th Army Air Force Base Unit took over host unit responsibilities as a part of Fifteenth Air Force. The 4105th AAF Base Unit continued to conduct operations under the command of SAATSC as an aircraft storage detachment in accordance with a prior transfer agreement. At the time of the transfer, the field had a total population of 279 officers and enlisted personnel.

Due to the fact that the base was in a virtually inactive status prior to the assignment of the bombardment groups and was further handicapped by a lack of personnel and equipment, support during the reactivation period varied in degree from very limited to nonexistent. Therefore, on 24 May, the 444th BG and the 248th AAF Base Unit were combined in an effort to make the best possible use of available personnel and equipment. It was explained at the time that both units, while retaining their respective identities, would work together on a co-equal basis under the direct control of the Base Commander for the purpose of accomplishing the overall station mission.

460711	AT-6D	42-85044	248AAFBU	Davis-Monthan Fld, AZ	SAC	LAC	Brown, Albert K	Davis-Monthan Fld
460711	PT-13D	42-16870	248AAFBU	Davis-Monthan Fld, AZ	SAC	LAC	Flowers, Benny M	Davis-Monthan Fld
460711	TB-25J	44-30765	248AAFBU	Davis-Monthan Fld, AZ	SAC	LACNU	Redlund, Harry F	Newhall/ 2mi NW
460712	C-54G	45-543	248AAFBU	Davis-Monthan Fld, AZ	SAC	LAC	Marxen, Edward H	Davis-Monthan Fld
460628	AT-6F	42-85918	248AAFBU		Davis-Monthan Fld, AZ	LAC	Dwyer, Richard E	Davis-Monthan Fld
440809	L-2M	43-26241	248BU		Walker AAF, Victoria, KS	GAC	Carter, Albert V	Alton, KS
441024	B-17F	42-5267	248BU		Walker AAF, Walker, KS	KCRDF	Gibson, Charles E, Jr	1/4 mi W of Russell, KS

AAF BASE UNITS BY COMMAND ON 1 May 1945

241st (Operational Training Unit, Very Heavy) (17th BOTW) Fairmont Army Air Field, Geneva, Nebr.

242nd (Operational Training Unit, Very Heavy) (17th BOTW) Grand Island Army Air Field, Nebr.

243rd (Operational Training Unit, Very Heavy) (17th BOTW) Great Bend Army Air Field, Kans.

244th (Operational Training Unit, Very Heavy) (17th BOTW) Harvard Army Air Field, Nebr.

245th (Operational Training Unit, Very Heavy) (17th BOTW) McCook Army Air Field, Nebr.

246th (Operational Training Unit, Very Heavy) (17th BOTW) Pratt Army Air Field, Kans.

247th (Operational Training Unit, Very Heavy) (17th BOTW) Smoky Hill Army Air Field, Salina, Kans.

248th (Operational Training Unit, Very Heavy) (17th BOTW) Walker Army Air Field, Victoria, Kans.

249th (Special) Alliance Army Air Field, Nebr.

260th (Fighter Wing) (72nd Ftr Wg) Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colo.

LINEAGE

STATIONS

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

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OPERATIONS

Air Force Order of Battle

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